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(in conjunction with Fig. 5)

The invention relates to a method and apparatus for the inspection of objects, such as cigarette packs (10), with respect to the proper positioning of blanks placed upon them, such as band strips (12), by means of an inspection means (39). Known inspection means have the disadvantage that they are very expensive. The invention provides a cost-efficient alternative. To this end, blanks are illuminated laterally at one or more border edges (22) while the inspection means (39) scans the blank (12) at an essentially frontal aspect.
